

MAGNETS FOR LIFTING BEAMS.

Device of the Illinois Steel Company for Transferring Heavy Metal.

Down at Joliet the Illinois Steel Company has rigged up a set of electric magnets capable of picking up beams weighing more than five tons each.

The working of the magnet is simple. When a plate or beam is lying anywhere else than where it is wanted the magnet, attached to the crane trolley, is lowered and its poles placed on the load to be moved as near the center as practicable.

To guard against accidents the insulated coils are enclosed in water-tight brass casing and the whole magnet is covered in with half-inch sheet steel.

WOMEN PREDOMINATE.

Interesting Figures from the Blue Book Regarding the Births in Scotland. The female sex predominates in Scotland.

The Registrar general's latest blue book (which, by the by, is only for 1896) gives the number, according to the latest estimate, at 2,448,657, while the male population is 2,006,997.

The Registrar general devotes some pages of his bulky volume to the question of illegitimacy. The number of births under this head was equivalent to 7.28 per cent. The corresponding Irish rate, noticed recently, was 2.6.

A Warm Rejoinder. Mrs. Hutton (reluctantly) - You were, such a charming debutante, my dear, 15 years ago.

INSANITY IN ENGLAND.

The Rate is Increasing Faster Than the Population.

Light seems at last to break in upon the darkened vision of the English experts in lunacy in regard to the increase of new cases of insanity in their country; for, though the official lunacy commissioners (few of whom have much renown as experts), in a recent special report

Thus, in the great county of London, where only the "new names" are computed for five years, the actual gain in these first admissions was 711 from January, 1892, to January, 1896—a gain of 28 per cent.

This may very well be true, since no one acquainted with the facts believes that there is a rapid gain in new cases of insanity beyond what the gain in population would require.

The first requirement for statistical accuracy in this matter, which excites increased interest everywhere, is to compute carefully the first attacks, as distinguished from old or relapsed cases. Until this is done for some considerable area of country, where the population is reasonably permanent, great cities showing a disproportionate increase, for several reasons, the labor of investigators among discordant and incomplete statistics will hardly furnish a basis for inference of any value.

AMERICAN INDIANS.

A Scientist Says They First Came from Siberia.

Reports from Victoria, B. C., state that Dr. F. Boaz, who for ten years has been making a study of British Columbia Indians for the British association, and also heads the expedition which the American Museum of Natural History sent out last spring, has returned to Victoria. Dr. Farrand, who is also engaged in the work of collecting information about the Indians, also returned.

Blindness Exterminates Grasshoppers.

Grasshoppers are fast disappearing from Utah county, Cal. It has been discovered that the destruction of these pests is due to the large blueflies or blue bottles, as they are more commonly called.

It was not until 1878 that the manufacture of hairpins began in the United States. Previous to that time those used in this country were brought from England or France.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Dr. Mary Walker is writing her autobiography.

—A new Dutch pianist named Zeldensrust, is the rage in musical and society circles in London.

—A monument in memory of Chopin is to be erected in Paris, after the model of Dubois, made from the portrait by Eugene Delacroix. It is to be finished in 1898.

—Sir Evelyn Wood, who has just been appointed adjutant general of the British army, is the first Roman Catholic to hold that post since the days of the reformation.

—It is announced that Mrs. Elizabeth Phoebe Key Howard, the only surviving daughter of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner," is seriously ill at Oakland, Cal.

—Miss Beatrice Harraden has become a practical woman farmer. She can plow a field, plant and cultivate the same, build fences, harness horses, etc.

—White ribbons gathered in large numbers at North Danville, Vt., recently and planted a tree in honor of Mrs. Willard, mother of Miss Frances Willard, upon the site of her birthplace.

—Judge Wellhouse, who is called the "Apple King of the World," has 1,630 acres of land in Leavenworth, Miami and Osage counties, Kan., devoted to the culture of the apple.

—It is reported in Atchison, Kan., that J. D. Harman, the famous Missouri pugger, is dead. Harman had a guffaw which could be heard for many blocks, and it was so contagious that he was a great attraction when he visited Atchison.

—The surgeon general of the United States army lays claim to having been the first discoverer of the yellow fever germ. The famous South American bacteriologist, Sanarelli, also claims the discovery, and has been awarded a prize of \$10,000.

—The hardy young Americans who left their comfortable homes in the United States more than half a century ago and came to Mexico with Gen. Taylor

HEROES OF BUENA VISTA.

Their Sadly Neglected Burial Ground Near San Antonio, Mexico.

The hardy young Americans who left their comfortable homes in the United States more than half a century ago and came to Mexico with Gen. Taylor probably did not think that should they fall in battle their bones would be left to crumble to dust in an unmarked spot in this distant land.

Some time ago the report was published in the press of the United States that the bones of the buried soldiers were protruding from the ground, and that the place presented a sickening spectacle. This report was not strictly true, but it is undoubtedly a fact that parts of many of the skeletons have come to the surface.

There is not a spear of grass nor a sign of vegetable life within the inclosure. It is perfectly barren. The place should certainly receive attention at the hands of the United States congress, even if nothing more is done than to take such steps as will stay the ravages of time and weather on the treacherous soil, and permit the bodies lying there to rest undisturbed.

These Terrible Words.

Convoy—Did you hear of the sad fate of poor Olanoff, the Russian? Super—No; what was it? "He got into an altercation with a fellow countryman, and the other fellow pulled a revolver and made Olanoff eat his words. It killed him."—Up-to-Date.

AMUSEMENTS.

Théâtre St-Charles.

28, 29, 30 octobre, NEW ORLEANS MINSTRELS.

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VENTE PAR LE CONSTABLE.

Henry Zellet vs Mme M. Braun.

QUATRIEME COUR DE CITE DE LA Nouvelle-Orleans.

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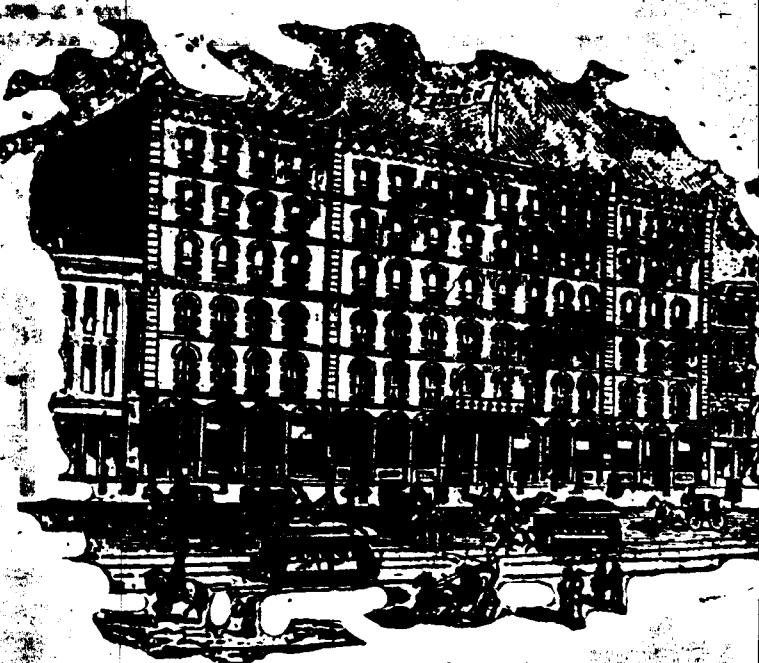
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